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YAMATO HAS WON THE FIERCE BATTLE AND LEARNED MORE ABOUT HIS DIVINE GIFT!! SO WHOM WILL HE FACE NEXT?!

I THOUGHT MY ABILITY WAS SIMPLY RAW POWER,
BUT IT'S NOT JUST THE MUSCLES BEHIND MY ATTACKS, BLOCKS, AND MOVEMENTS THAT ARE BEING STRENGTHENED!

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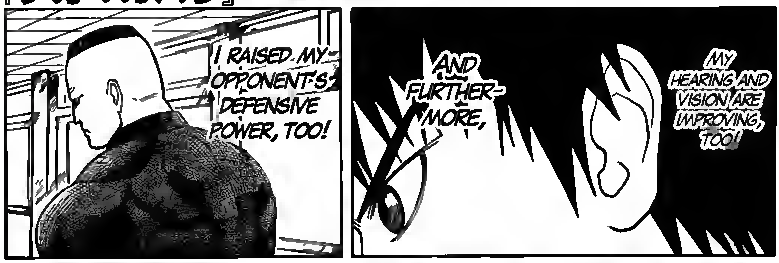
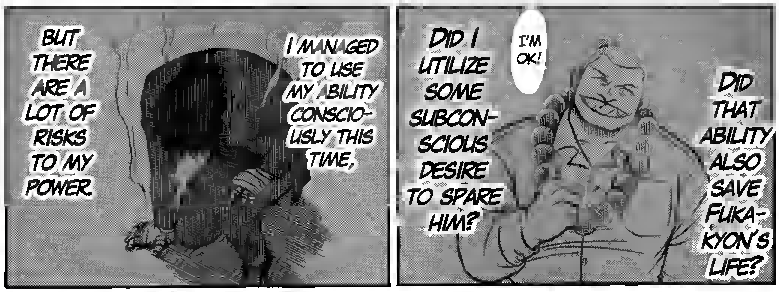
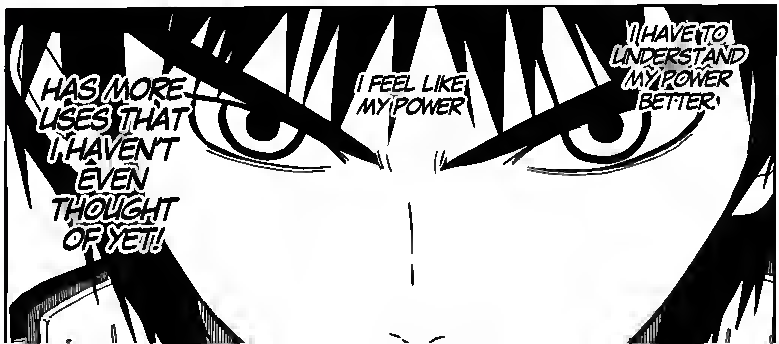
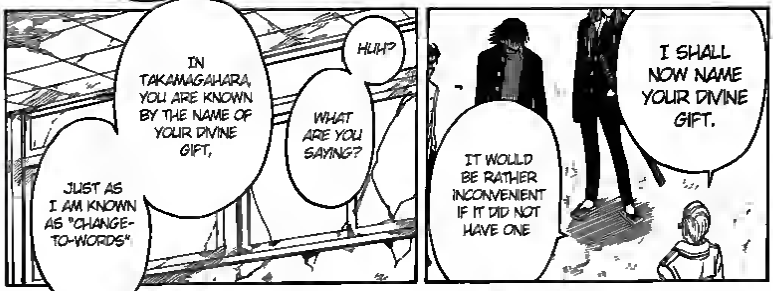



BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF RISKS TO MY POWER.
I MANAGED TO USE MY ABILITY CONSCIOUSLY THIS TIME.
DID I UTILIZE SOME SUBCONSCIOUS DESIRE TO SPARE HIM?
I'M OK!
DID THAT ABILITY ALSO SAVE FUKAKYON'S LIFE?



AND THUS UNLIKE YOUR BROTHERS DID NOT SPEND ALL YOUR TIME FOCUSING ON BATTLE
IT IS LIKELY BECAUSE YOU SOUGHT TO BECOME A MANGA ARTIST
THAT IT TOOK UNTIL NOW FOR YOU TO AWAKEN TO YOUR DIVINE GIFT.
IT IS EASY FOR ONE TO AWAKEN TO HIS DIVINE GIFT WHILE GROWING UP,
BUT MANY LOSE THEM AS THEY REACH ADULTHOOD.
THAT IS WHY MOST OF THE PEOPLE HERE AT TAKAMAGAHARA ARE STUDENTS.
YAMADA YAMATO.
IT SEEMS YOU HAVE COME TO UNDERSTAND YOUR OWN DIVINE GIFT,


IN TAKAMAGAHARA, YOU ARE KNOWN BY THE NAME OF YOUR DIVINE GIFT,
JUST AS I AM KNOWN AS "CHANGE-TO-WORDS"
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I SHALL NOW NAME YOUR DIVINE GIFT.
IT WOULD BE RATHER INCONVENIENT IF IT DID NOT HAVE ONE

(*: LIT. GATHERING CLOUDS OF HEAVEN. ALSO SEE HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/KUSANAGI)

THAT AIN'T BAD!
I WOULD LOVE
TO TURN YOU INTO WORDS AT SOME POINT AND GIVE YOU A GOOD, HARD LOOK.
BUT NEITHER DO I KNOW THE TRUE DEPTHS OF HIS ABILITY
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT HIS DIVINE GIFT WAS THE CAUSE OF THAT.
AT THE MOMENT HE TRULY KNEW HIS DIVINE GIFT,
CLOUDS GATHERED IN THE SKY ABOVE.
I'LL HAVE TO REPORT TO THE HIGHER-UPS...
BUT I NEVER EXPECTED MY PLAN TO BE THIS EFFECTIVE.
I ALLOWED MYSELF TO GET PUNCHED SO THAT I COULD SEE HOW THOSE TWO WOULD RESPOND.
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Call me Ame-no Murakumo
CAW!

TO TURN YOU INTO WORDS.
I CAME HERE
鬼畜
YOU'RE LUCKY PEOPLE STILL CARE ABOUT YOU,
LIDEHARA EMISHI
HUH?
YOU SON OF A!
SFX: WHOOSH
SFX: *SHOVE*
WHOA!
KARMA ……!
YOU WERE SAVED BY YAMADA YAMATO AND OOKI TAIJU,
LIDE-HARA EMI-SHI
THOUGH YOU WERE ON THE VERGE OF BEING SWAL-LOWED UP BY YOUR KARMA,
RELAX.

LET US BEGIN THIS SPECIAL LECTURE!
SFX: SLAM
WHAT IS KARMA?
KARMA IS COMPOSED OF THE DESIRES AND IMPULSES WHICH DRIVE A MAN TO ACTION!
THAT'S RIGHT!
AND THE KARMAS OF THOSE WHO HAVE AWOKEN TO THEIR DIVINE GIFTS GROW STRONGER!
THEN WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO ARE COMPLETELY OVERPOWERED BY THEIR KARMA?
THE BEATING OF THEIR HEARTS IS HALTED.
THAT'S CORRECT.
TAKAMAGAHARA WAS FORMED TO ISOLATE THOSE WHO HAD AWOKEN TO THEIR DIVINE GIFTS AND INSTRUCT THEM!
HOWEVER, THE TRUE REASON WHY IT EXISTS IS TO TRAIN PEOPLE TO FIGHT THEM.
THEY ARE THE WALKING DEAD, THEIR ACTIONS DRIVEN BY KARMA!
SUCH BEINGS ARE NO LONGER PEOPLE, BUT KARMA ITSELF!
EVEN NOW, THEY WAIT THERE FOR THAT TIME TO COME!
THEY ARE LEGION!
DID AS THEY PLEASED WITH THE MORTAL PLAINS—
WHO DURING THE AGE OF MYTH, THE CENTURY OF THE GODS,
AND THE NAME OF THEY—
WHERE COUNTLESS GRAVESTONE-LIKE STRUCTURES LINE THE LANDSCAPE—
BOTH THE NAME OF THAT PLACE—A PLACE NOT ON EARTH BUT FAR BELOW IT,

TAKAMAGAHARA

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CHAPTER 16: YOMI

KAWAI JUUZOU

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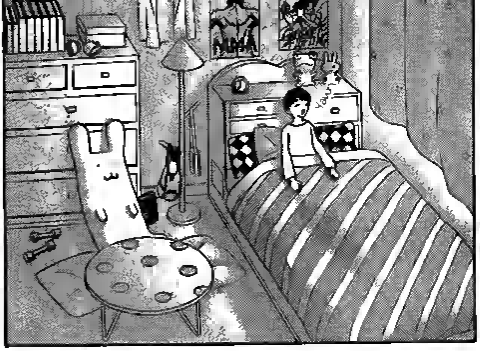
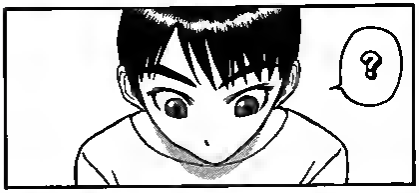
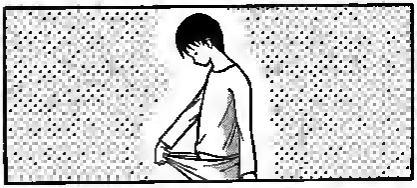
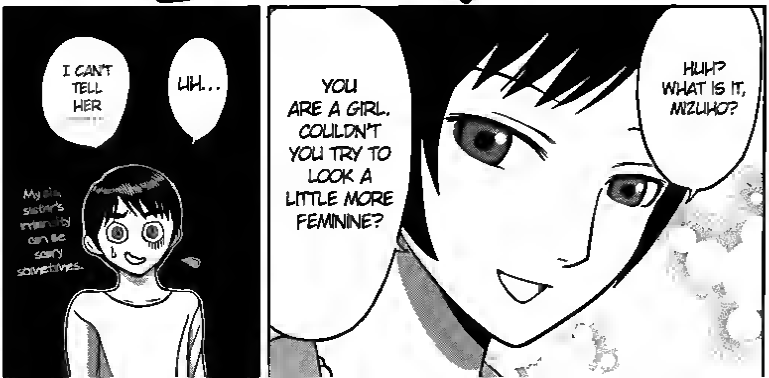


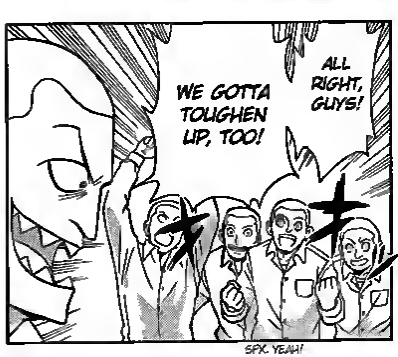




-ILLUPA'S COMMENT: WTF?!-

MUSASHI-SAN SHOULD BE HAVING HIS BATTLE SOON.
AND DON'T YOU THINK SHINANO'S GOTTEN EVEN COOLER?
THAT STUPID HYUUGA'S REALLY PISSING ME OFF!
I WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL WITH MUTSU-KUN TODAY!


HUH? WHAT IS IT, MIZUHO?
YOU ARE A GIRL. COULDN'T YOU TRY TO LOOK A LITTLE MORE FEMININE?
UH...
I CAN'T TELL HER
My little sister's intensity can be scary sometimes.



SFX. YEAH!

SFX. COLLAPSE

SFX: THUMP
SFXS: CHEERS
SFX: SLAM
TATTOOS: FRIENDSHIP / HARD WORK / VICTORY
SFX: HA HA HA HA HA
FROM THE MOMENT I WAS BORN, I'VE ONLY DREAMED OF BEING THE STRONGEST ON EARTH!
THIS WAS SIMPLY INEVITABLE!
MUSASHI
SO HOW IS IT?
WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON BEING THE NUMBER ONE MIXED MARTIAL ARTIST IN THE WORLD?
MMA

SIGN: YAMADA

AMAZING, MUSASHI!
THE OTHER GUY LOOKED LIKE HE THOUGHT ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE ALONE WAS ENOUGH TO BECOME KING.
CONGRATULATIONS!
I RETURN TO YOU THE STRONGEST MAN ON EARTH.
AND THUS

SFX: WAHAHA / HAHAHA
WELL,
I BET HE'S OFF TRAINING SOMEWHERE TO BECOME A WARRIOR MANGA ARTIST!
SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT!
AND BATTLE TRAINING, AT THAT!
SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT.
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THAT REMINDS ME— I HAVEN'T SEEN YAMATO RECENTLY
HM?

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SFXS: HOWL
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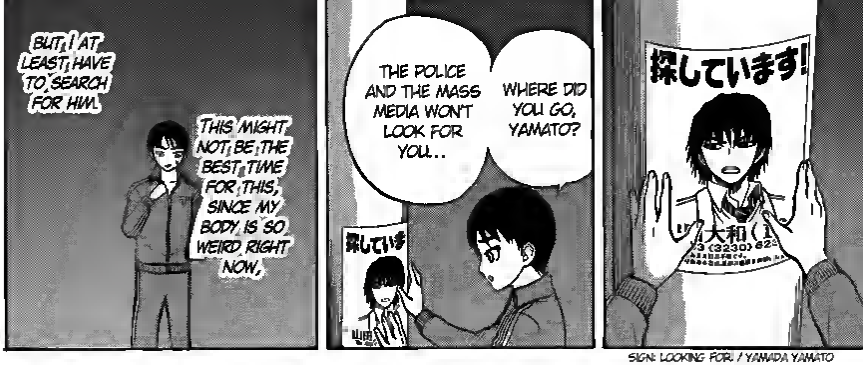
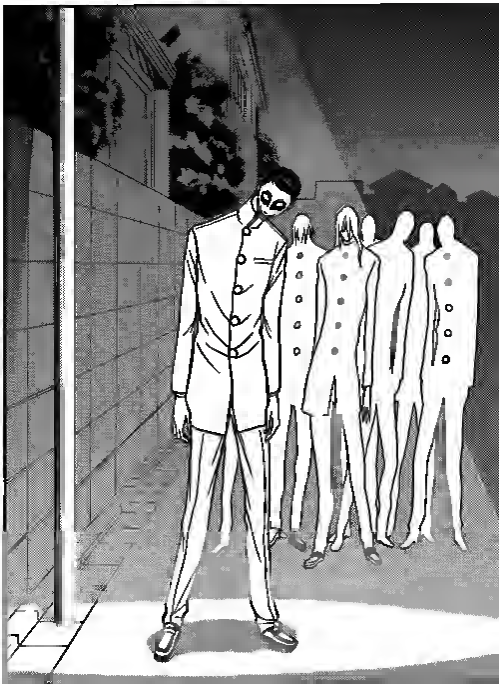
CLOAKS: TAKAMAGAHARA

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE BEEN IN THE MORTAL PLAIN.


BUT, I AT LEAST HAVE TO SEARCH FOR HIM!
THIS MIGHT NOT BE THE BEST TIME FOR THIS, SINCE MY BODY IS SO WEIRD RIGHT NOW.
THE POLICE AND THE MASS MEDIA WON'T LOOK FOR YOU...
WHERE DID YOU GO, YAMATO?
探しています!

SIGN: LOOKING FOR / YAMADA YAMATO



EEEK!
IT'S TIME TO GET CHANGED!
WE MUST MAKE SURE.
WHO IS HE?!
GOOD ~~~~!
A WOMAN, YET A MAN?
SO GOOD ~~~~!
WHAT IS THIS?!
WAIT!
SFX: TWIST
SFX: BOING
SFX: BOING
SFX: POP POP POP POP POP
OW!

SO GOOD ~~~~~!
GOOD ~~~~~~~~~!
A MAN, YET A WOMAN?
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AN ABILITY WHICH MAY ALLOW ONE TO REVERSE THE WORLDS OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD!
TRULY, A DIVINE GIFT WHICH ALLOWS ONE TO CHANGE BETWEEN YIN AND YANG!
SFX: *GRAB*
SAVE ME, YAMATO ....!
WE'RE TAKING HER BACK TO YOMI!
CAPTURE HER!
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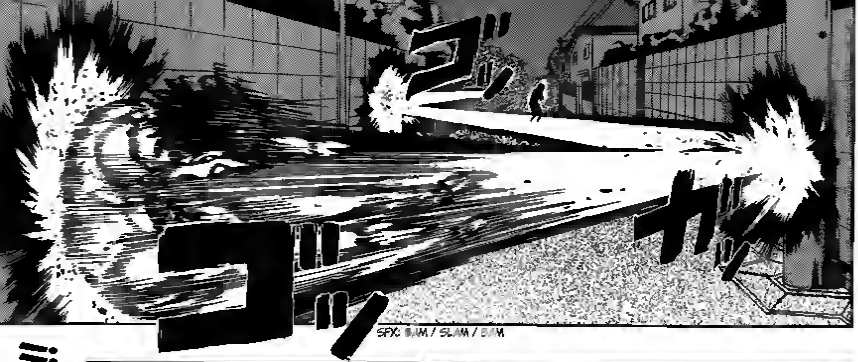

YAMATO COMES HOME!!